

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01     PARIS 37135 01 OF 02 152031Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-08 ARA-06 EA-07 NEA-10 IO-13 MC-02  
ACDA-07 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03  
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /111 W  
----- 015703 /67

R 152019Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8031  
INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMCONSUL HAMBURG  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 PARIS 37135

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, FR, ID  
SUBJECT: GOI PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS IN FRANCE

REF: JAKARTA 14374

1. GOF OFFICIAL ACTIVE IN CENTRE D'ETUDES DE POLITIQUE  
ETRANGERE-CEPE (CORRESPONDING PRIVATE ORGANIZATION  
TO INDONESIAN COUNCIL FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL  
STUDIES-CSIS) AND WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE CEPE  
VISIT TO DJAKARTA IN 1973 GAVE LABATT THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SEMINAR IN PARIS  
14-17 NOVEMBER (REFTEL):

(A) SINCE A GOOD NUMBER OF THE VISITORS IN PARIS WERE  
THE HOSTS IN DJAKARTA THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE  
TWO GROUPS WAS FROM THE BEGINNING FRANK AND RELAXED.

(B) THE FRENCH SIDE WAS STRUCK BY THE INTENSITY OF  
INTEREST, VERGING ON OBSESSION, THE VISTORS SHOWED IN  
IRAN.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02     PARIS 37135 01 OF 02 152031Z

(C) FROM THE POSITIVE SIDE THIS INTEREST SPRANG FROM

THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN IRAN AND INDONESIA AS OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES WITH URGENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS. ACCORDINGLY, THE INDONESIANS WERE INTERESTED IN SUCH QUESTIONS AS FRENCH ASSESSMENT OF IRAN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, ALLOCATION OF OIL REVENUES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST, INCLUDING FRANCE ITSELF. FROM THE NEGATIVE SIDE THE INDONESIANS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT IRAN'S MILITARY BUILDUP, ESPECIALLY IN NAVAL FORCES, AND ITS GROWING POTENTIAL FOR "DESTABILIZING" THE INDIAN OCEAN SITUATION. BY COMPARISON TO THE INTEREST IN IRAN, INDIA WAS TREATED LIKE A COUNTRY WHICH GAVE THE INDONESIANS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN. THE FRENCH GOT NOWHERE IN TRYING TO POINT OUT THAT IF GOI IS FOCUSING SUCH ATTENTION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN IT CANNOT IGNORE SUCH A MAJOR COUNTRY AS INDIA.

(D) IN A BROADER CONTEXT THE INDONESIANS REVEALED A PREOCCUPATION WITH POSSIBLE FACTORS OR ACTIONS WHICH COULD DESTABILIZE THE SITUATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY SAW MORE RISKS IN THIS REGARD IN THE WESTERN PERIPHERY OF THE INDIAN OCEAN WHICH EXPLAINS THEIR FOCUS ON IRAN AS WELL AS THEIR FREQUENT QUESTIONS ABOUT SAUDI ARABIA, THE EMIRATES AND WESTERN AFRICA.

(E) FOR THE SAME REASON THE INDONESIANS SEEMED PRE-OCCUPIED WITH THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY ARGUED THAT THE COMPETITION OF THESE TWO FORCES WAS A FACTOR LIKELY TO DESTABILIZE THE AREA.

(F) THE INDONESIANS MADE IT CLEAR ON EVERY OCCASION THAT THEIR ORIENTATION WAS PRO-WESTERN AND PRO-AMERICAN BUT THEY DID EXPRESS SOME APPREHENSION ABOUT THE NAVAL BASE IN DIEGO GARCIA. HERE AGAIN, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE INDONESIAN CONCERN WAS ABOUT STABILITY IN THE AREA WHICH MEANS THAT WHILE THEY WELCOME THE DG NAVAL BASE AS A COUNTERMOVE TO THE RUSSIAN NAVAL FORCES, THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THIS NEW ELEMENT OF COMPETITION BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR WAS UPSETTING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03     PARIS 37135 01 OF 02 152031Z

THE INDONESIANS CLAIMED THAT INSTEAD OF A BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THEY WOULD PREFER THE KIND OF STABILITY WHICH WOULD EXIST IF THESE TWO FORCES WERE NOT PRESENT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

(G) FRENCH SIDE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE FACT THAT INDONESIANS SHOWED NO PARTICULAR INTEREST IN TALKING

ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES OR MALAYSIA OR EVEN CHINA. JAPAN  
ON THE OTHER HAND WAS THE SUBJECT OF SUBSTANTIAL  
INTEREST, PRIMARILY FROM THE ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 37135 02 OF 02 152034Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-08 ARA-06 EA-07 NEA-10 IO-13 MC-02  
ACDA-07 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03  
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /111 W  
----- 015767 /67

R 152019Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8032  
INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMCONSUL HAMBURG  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 37135

BECAUSE OF JAPAN'S DRIVE TO CAPTURE EXPORT MARKETS.

(H) SUBJECT OF PKI PRISONERS WAS NOT MENTIONED BY  
EITHER SIDE. IN THE FRENCH VIEW IT WAS TACITLY UNDER-  
STOOD THAT THIS WAS A QUESTION THAT THE FRENCH COULD  
NOT ASK AND THE INDONESIANS COULD NOT RAISE  
SPONTANEOUSLY. SOURCE RECALLS, HOWEVER, THAT IN 1973  
MG BENYAMIN MURDANI BELITTLED THE NUMBER OF PKI  
PRISONERS AND PROUDLY POINTED TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY  
GUERRILLA MOVEMENT AS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF GOI  
SUCCESS IN RUNNING THE COUNTRY. AT THAT TIME HE HAD  
CALLED SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT INDONESIA'S  
GEOGRAPHY WAS PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE TO GUERRILLA  
ACTIVITIES, THEREBY IMPLYING THAT LACK OF WILL AND  
INTEREST WAS THE REAL EXPLANATION OF THE ABSENCE OF

ANY RESISTANCE.

2. SOURCE HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR THE CALIBER OF THE  
INDONESIAN PARTICIPANTS WHOM THEY FOUND PRAGMATIC,  
LUCID AND SELF-ASSURED IN THEIR EXPRESSION OF THEIR  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02     PARIS 37135 02 OF 02 152034Z

VIEWS. THEY WERE ESPECIALLY COMPLIMENTARY OF GENERAL  
MURTORO AND THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA WHO  
JOINED THE GROUP IN PARIS. THE FRENCH FOUND THE  
LATTER EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT, WELL-INFORMED AND  
VERSED IN WESTERN IDEAS AND ARTS.

3. SOURCE COULD NOT RESIST MAKING AN UNFAVORABLE FOR  
FRANCE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TREATMENT THE FRENCH  
RECEIVED DURING THEIR VISIT TO DJAKARTA (HE DESCRIBED  
IT AS ROYAL) AND THE LIMITED RESOURCES WHICH THE  
FRENCH HOSTS HAD AVAILABLE TO RECIPROCATATE THE  
HOSPITALITY OF THEIR INDONESIAN GUESTS. HE COMMENTED  
PHILOSOPHICALLY THAT THIS PERHAPS IS ONE OF THE MANY  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, I.E., THE LEADERS'  
LATITUDE TO DISPOSE GOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES.  
RUSH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN RELATIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SEMINARS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 15 DEC 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** hartledg  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976PARIS37135  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760462-0176  
**From:** PARIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19761241/aaaabixs.tel  
**Line Count:** 196  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 JAKARTA 14374  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** hartledg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 26 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <26 APR 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <26 APR 2004 by hartledg>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GOI PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS IN FRANCE  
**TAGS:** PFOR, ECON, FR, ID  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006